



New Mars exhibit at the Bradbury Science Museum

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To coincide with the arrival of NASA's Mars Science Laboratory on the Red Planet, the Lab's Bradbury Science Museum (BSM) will "launch" a new exhibit on August 5. Titled "LANL Technology on Mars," it will include information on the overall mission and its planet-exploring rover, as well as the equipment that the Lab helped develop and will deploy.

The Lab has three pieces of equipment on the rover: ChemCam, ChemMin, and a power source.

To help provide a social setting to celebrate the safe arrival of the rover, the BSM will close at its usual time (5 p.m.) on Sunday, August 5, and then reopen that evening at 10 p.m. (Yes, that's 10 p.m.) for an anticipated 11:30 p.m. landing on Mars.

In addition to having Lab scientists at the Museum to talk about what is going on during the video feed from NASA, there will be refreshments, including peanuts. (To learn

more about the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and its peanut-eating ritual, go to [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jet_Propulsion_Laboratory#Peanuts_tradition.\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jet_Propulsion_Laboratory#Peanuts_tradition.)

The exhibit is taking over the Museum's TechLab for at least the next two Earth years (or one Mars year) and will be updated as information from the mission becomes available.

The Museum is planning lots of activities around the mission and what it discovers, including information for schools, teachers, and other interested parties, so stay tuned to the Museum's website at <http://www.lanl.gov/museum/> for more information.

To learn more about ChemCam, go to <http://www.msl-chemcam.com/>.

For more information on the Mars Science Laboratory in general, go to http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/msl/index.html.

For directions on how to get to the Museum, go to <http://www.lanl.gov/museum/visit/directions.shtml>.

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